Governor's Motorcycle Advisory Council

DMV - Richmond, Virginia 06/13/06

10:00a.m. - Noon

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Chair: Robert P. Crouch, Jr. Recording Secretary: Audrey Odum

Council Members: Robert Crouch Bernard Adams Richard Becker

James CannonDale CoynerSheriff Steve DraperCharles FinleyMelissa FranklinJulia HammondRichard HolmanKeith LindgrenJoseph MarshallJohn Mazza, Jr.Tom McGrathJames Ramsey

Lora Sharkey

Council Members/ VEDP: Rick Richardson VSP: Captain Richard Denney

Agency Representatives: VDOT: Mark Hodges ABC: Shawn Walker

Secretaries: Christine Simpson for Secretary Pat Gottschalk

Guest: Steve Anderson with Morton's BMW Motorcycles

Patrick Bedall & Ritchie Ellison with Metro Productions

Pam Jewell with VA State Police

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Council Members

Absent: Chief Charles Bennett, Jr. David Jennings Delegate Samuel Nixon, Jr.

Senator Phillip Puckett Patrick Saunders Charles Talley

Council Members/

Agency Representative(s) Absent: DMV: Bruce Biondo VTC: Ralph Earnhardt

Secretaries Absent: Secretary John Marshall Secretary Pierce Homer

Greetings and Introductions

Chair Bob Crouch welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the third official meeting of the Governor's Motorcycle Advisory Council. The Chair discussed briefly the establishment of the Council and its mission. The Chair recognized guest listed above.

Roll Call

Chair Bob Crouch called roll. Representation was sufficient for Quorum.

Council Business

The Chair asked Council to review and approve minutes from April 11, 2006 meeting. Minutes approved.

Jim Cannon furnished update on PSA. Metro Productions representatives were present to show PSA. PSA was well received and will be aired in the near future. PSA will also be incorporated on the motorcycle website.

Lora Sharkey reviewed proposed by-laws. Council members voted to adopt said by-laws. Amendment was made to by-laws to add 5th Committee (Finance) under Article VI - Committees. (By-laws attached.)

The Chair addressed letter from Delegate Leo Wardrup in reference to House Bill 280 (Mandatory rider education.) DRAFT letter prepared identifying the challenges associated with this bill. The Chair will finalize and forward response to Delegate Wardrup.

Dale Coyner gave update on the motorcycle website and mentioned the transition for future maintenance of the website. Dale also discussed the motorcycle powerpoint presentation that is available for Council members to use in discussing the Motorcycle Council and it's goals and objectives. Dale will be working on linking the PSA to both the website and powerpoint presentation.

The Chair recognized the ABC Department for taking on the responsibility of printing the motorcycle bumper sticker.

The Chair recognized the various sub-committees that were identified to carry out the mission of the Council. The committees that have been established are as follows:

Tourism Economic Development Safety Marketing / Communications Finance

Committee Breakout / Reports

Sub-Committees met for a brief time to discuss their goals and initiatives.

Tourism – Julie Hammond reported that this committee's 1st initiative would be working on a motorcycle brochure that would focus on information, maps, etc. for motorcycling enthusiast. This committee will also work on getting a Tourism link on the motorcycle website.

Economic Development – Rick Richardson reported that this committee would promote economic development through the expansion and attraction of motorcycle-related retail and commercial business.

Safety – Keith Lindgren reported that this committee would 1st identify issues and work on solutions involving motorcycle safety. Some noted issues are training and facilities, awareness, road hazards and safety related issues such as drinking and driving and racing.

Marketing / Communications – Dale Coyner identified 2 elements this committee would be focused on. Outreach through maintaining and expanding the motorcycle website and assisting the other committees and Council on marketing and promoting motorcycling in VA. Dale also mentioned that he would be working on getting PSA distributed.

Finance – Charlie Finley reported that the finance committee would work closely with the other four committees on any financial needs they may have in meeting their goals and initiatives. The finance committee will also research ways to obtain funding through vendors, etc.

Chair Bob Crouch recognized everyone on the Council and the work that has been accomplished thus far. Through the establishment of these committees and the efforts of each member, the Council will be able to move forward in promoting motorcycle related tourism, business development and motorcycle awareness and safety as set forth in the Council's adopted mission statement.

Tom McGrath recognized Chair Bob Crouch for receiving the 2006 Governors Motorcycle Safety Award in May.

Public Comment - None

Future Meeting(s)- August 8, 2006

Griffin's Tavern

(Julie Hammond will coordinate.)

Other locations mentioned for future - Waugh - Harley Dealership in Orange and Natural Bridge.